Passed by the House on May 2, 2007: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2007: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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## H.J.R. No. 36

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to permit a state justice or judge who reaches the mandatory age of retirement while in office to complete the justice's or judge's current term.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1-a(1), Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the further provisions of this Section, the Legislature shall provide for the retirement and compensation of Justices and Judges of the Appellate Courts and District and Criminal District Courts on account of length of service, age and disability, and for their reassignment to active duty where and when needed. The office of every such Justice and Judge shall become vacant on the expiration of the term during which [when] the incumbent reaches the age of seventy-five (75) years or such earlier age, not less than seventy (70) years, as the Legislature may prescribe, except that if a Justice or Judge elected to serve or fill the remainder of a six-year term reaches the age of seventy-five (75) years during the first four years of the term, the office of that Justice or Judge shall become vacant on December 31 of the fourth year of the term to which the Justice or Judge was elected.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

Passed by the House on March 21, 2007: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 36 on May 1, 2007: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 26, 2007: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

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## H.J.R. No. 40

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1(i), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

- (i) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Legislature by general law may limit the maximum [average annual percentage increase in the] appraised value of a residence homestead [homesteads] for ad valorem tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 [10] percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax [each] year [since the most recent tax appraisal]. A limitation on appraised values [appraisal increases] authorized by this subsection:
  - (1) takes effect as to a residence homestead on the later of the effective date of the law imposing the limitation or January 1 of the tax year following the first tax year the owner qualifies the property for an exemption under Section 1-b of this article; and